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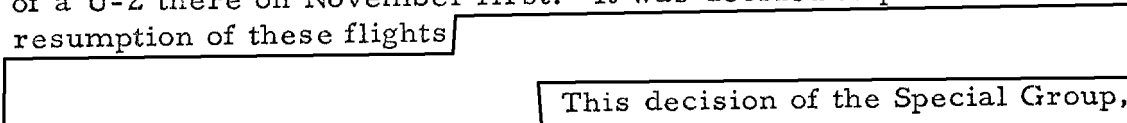
MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Roswell L. Gilpatric  
The Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Recall of CIA U-2 Aircraft

1. As you will recall, on 23 June 1963, I directed that two Agency U-2 aircraft be loaned to SAC so as to support the regular reconnaissance effort with the most modern U-2 capability, in the face of possible MIG-21 or SA-2 counteraction.



3. On 14 November 1963 the Special Group addressed itself to the resumption of TACKLE flights over China following the loss of a U-2 there on November first. It was decided to permit resumption of these flights



This decision of the Special Group,

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when matched against the requirements imposed on the limited number of available U-2's in the CIA inventory, necessitates the withdrawal of the two CIA planes now assigned to SAC for the Cuban mission. If a new threat materializes to the SAC program there, we will want to examine the situation anew to see if a second CIA transfusion would give us added assurance. Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would make the necessary arrangements to ensure return of the two CIA aircraft to Edwards Air Force Base as soon as possible.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone  
Director

cc: D/NRO

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CONCUR:

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(Signed) Jack C. Ledford

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